

23. MORE ABOUT VIZAGAPATAM BIRDS

In 'Birds of the Vizagapatam District' (*J.B.N.H.S.*, Vol. 45 pp. 333-347) I listed the birds seen during two short visits and drew attention to the paucity of published literature. Subsequent to this I have had letters from Capt. G. Gowland, R.N. and Mr. N. A. Leslie adding to the list, and it might be worth while placing them on record. Except where otherwise stated the information is from Mr. Leslie:—

Uroloncha malabarica (Linn.). The Whitethroated Munia.

'Capt. Geoffrey Gowland, R.N. informed me in June 1950 that he had seen this species near Vizagapatam.'

Motacilla alba subsp. The White Wagtail.

'A flock near Pottangi village, east of Koraput (near Jaypore) in February 1949'.

Motacilla maderaspatensis (Gmelin.). The Large Pied Wagtail.

'A pair near Koraput in December 1948'.

Falco peregrinus :

The bird recorded as a laggar on page 343 of Vol. 45 of the *Journal* is a peregrine. I have marked the bird as of this species on the label and cannot understand how it was transformed into a laggar!

Falco tinnunculus. The Kestrel.

'Frequently seen hunting round war-time coast battery adjoining Vizagapatam Lighthouse—also seen near Koraput'.

Spizaetus cirrhatus. The Crested Hawk Eagle.

'Between Araku and Anantgiri in February 1949'.

Elanus caeruleus vociferus (Latham). The Blackwinged Kite.

'Identified on lines suggested by Whistler under heading "Pale Harrier" near Koraput'.

Circus macrurus (S. G. Gmelin). The Pale Harrier.

Mr. Leslie saw it at Padwa in December 1948 and I had overlooked Donald's (*J.B.N.H.S.*, Vol. 16, p. 505) note on this species together with Marsh and Pied Harriers collecting to roost on a bare plateau on 13th February.

Larus ridibundus. The Blackheaded Gull.

'Vizagapatam Harbour—common'.

Sterna aurantia (Gray). The Indian River Tern.

'Occasional'.

Charadrius dubius. The Little Ring-Plover.

'Small flock near Tuni' (Tuni is in East Godavari District administratively but on the border of Vizagapatam District).